

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE 15 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE TAHOE TRUCK- EE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation for 15 years of service to the community. The Foundation began with a generous gift of one million dollars from William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett Packard. It was his vision and commitment that challenged other individuals to dedicate time and resources to help promote philanthropy. Today, more than 3,000 donors have distributed millions of dollars to local nonprofits, improving the quality of life in this historic and beautiful region.

The Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation has awarded more than \$20 million in grants to the community. The most recent project, the Community House, opens this fall and will serve as a long-term community wellness center. The House will provide a variety of services including professional counseling and enrichment classes to help individuals become more self-reliant.

It is the initiative of private citizens to improve the quality of life for all that has earned the Foundation national recognition by the Council on Foundations as one of the top community organizations in the entire nation. This honor attests to the vibrancy of the group and the importance of the Foundation's deeds.

As John Adams put it, the success of this organization is the "result of good heads prompted by good hearts." May the good hearts of the many donors and volunteers continue to make the name of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation a beacon for all those in need and an enduring example for those who work to make our cities, states, and the nation better for all. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and thank the Foundation for its years of service to our community.

### IN RECOGNITION OF C. WAITMAN TAYLOR AND HIS CAREER IN SERVICE TO OWENSBORO, KEN- TUCKY

#### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of C. Waitman Taylor, Jr. Born and raised in Lewisport, Kentucky, Waitman has continued the Taylor family legacy by serving Hancock and Daviess Counties in a variety of ways.

Waitman is retiring as Executive Director of Owensboro Health's Foundation for Health. Nearly 86 years old, Waitman has over 60

years in the workforce along with serving in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a captain of the U.S. Air Force reserves in 1966. The list of titles and duties are long, but his distinguished career is truly one to be acknowledged.

Waitman has served in his current role since 2002. Prior to that, Waitman served as an industry official at institutions such as L.R. Chapman Inc., General Electric Co. and Texas Gas Transmission. He was also elected Mayor of Owensboro, a position he held from 1972–1976, after serving as Mayor Pro-Tem for two years.

Waitman's roles go beyond industry and elected office. Waitman served in numerous board positions for the University of Louisville, Murray State University and 30 years with Brescia University receiving honorary doctorate in 1976. Waitman's list of community and fundraising activities are equally as impressive, serving in a variety of leadership positions at the Owensboro-Daviess County Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Owensboro-Daviess County Industrial Foundation, Junior Achievement, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport and Industry Inc., now known as Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corp. Waitman was the co-founder and chairman of Community Foundation of Owensboro-Daviess County. And he was a member of the first Leadership Kentucky class in 1985.

It should come as no surprise that Waitman's achievements have been recognized with numerous awards. In 1958, Waitman was named Owensboro's Outstanding Young Man. Hancock County Historical Society named him Historian of the Year in 2012. In January 2013, when the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday they named Waitman as their Chamber Member of the Century.

Quoted in Owensboro's Messenger Inquirer, Waitman said, "Looking back, if I had retired at 65, I wouldn't have met and worked with all these wonderful people in the last 21 years." I can tell you that sentiment is shared. It has been a true pleasure working with Waitman and I join the people of Kentucky's Second District in thanking him for his contributions. Please accept my best wishes and blessings for Waitman and his family.

### A TRIBUTE TO JAMES WATTS

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague Representative STEVEN PALAZZO, to honor James Watts for his many years of service to the community. Born in 1919 in McComb, Mississippi, Mr. Watts has dedicated his career to public service. His children and stepchildren have followed in their parent's footsteps and have been leaders in their own right throughout the United States.

During World War II, Mr. Watts defended his country by tracking German submarines as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Later, in civilian life, he would go on to hold executive board positions in both the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America organizations.

Mr. Watts' passion for volunteerism speaks volumes about his character. While he lived in Grand Junction, Colorado, he volunteered as an EMT and then a paramedic for what is now St. Mary's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Grand Junction, Colorado. Upon relocation to Gulfport, Mississippi, Mr. Watts taught CPR and First Aid for the American Red Cross and various organizations around the country, which is a testament to his devotion to the well-being of the communities he has visited.

Perhaps one of his biggest accomplishments was in 1956 while he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. As a mine safety engineer in New Mexico, Mr. Watts noticed a uranium boom town of more than 10,000 residents who were living without access to a local hospital for emergency services. With ambition and selflessness, he took it upon himself to spearhead organization efforts for the creation of Cibola General Hospital, which has been committed to serving the medical needs of the community since 1959. Ever since, patients continue to be saved, the critically ill continue to be treated, and 24-hour emergency care is still available to the community.

Now at 94 years old, Mr. Watts resides with his wife, Barbara, in Gulfport, Mississippi. Although he is retired, the organizations and community projects developed under his leadership are still in operation today. I believe Mr. Watts' life is a great example of generosity and devotion to the greater good of society. We can all learn from Mr. Watt's inspiring story of public service. I join my colleagues in recognizing and thanking Mr. Watts for his life of service. We wish him, his wife Barbara, and their children Susan, Rick, Jane, Danette, and Paul all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for continuing their father's legacy of noble service to the community.

### RECOGNIZING BRYON MAZADE'S NINETEEN YEARS AS CITY MAN- AGER OF MUSKEGON

#### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryon Mazade and his over 19 years of commendable service to Muskegon, Michigan as their city manager.

Bryon grew up in Muskegon and graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School. After earning a Master's in Public Administration from Western Michigan University, Bryon stayed in West Michigan to serve his community. He quickly

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earned a reputation in West Michigan as a hard-working and reliable city manager for both Coopersville and Newaygo. Bryon had the opportunity to return to his hometown of Muskegon in 1994 and has served as the city manager ever since.

Muskegon is a place where families and businesses can thrive. A city of 38,000 people and 1,100 businesses, Muskegon is representative of Michigan as a manufacturing hub, popular beach-town, and close knit community. Bryon certainly played a large roll in making Muskegon what it is today.

During his 19 years as the city manager for Muskegon, Bryon tackled challenging projects that revitalized his hometown. To name just a few, Bryon oversaw the implementation of the Muskegon Lake Express, Lake Michigan's first high-speed, cross lake ferry. He also spearheaded improvements to L.C. Walker Arena, helped establish two Grand Valley State University facilities in Muskegon, developed Shoreline Drive and Bluffton Bay Estates, created many beautiful miles of bike trails, and encouraged countless other redevelopment projects, improving the economy while showcasing Muskegon's natural beauty on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Bryon recently announced that he will retire in October, capping 19 notable years as the Muskegon City Manager. His tenure in a position that rarely has longevity, speaks volumes about his managing skills and ability to work with Commissioners and staff for the good of the people. While Bryon will no longer be Muskegon's City Manager, he will continue to play a prominent roll in the city that he dedicated decades to.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring City Manager of Muskegon Bryon Mazade for his great service in Muskegon and throughout West Michigan.

#### A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SIEV

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Robert Siev of South Pasadena, California, a kind, brave and highly respected man.

Robert was born on April 6, 1926, in Germany. During the Holocaust, at the age of thirteen, he and some of his family escaped by boarding a moving train in Lithuania, getting their visas stamped by Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara, and then jumping off of that train. After a dangerous flight across Russia, they eventually made it to America. Having lost much of his family to the Holocaust, including his younger brother Jonah, Robert was eternally grateful to the United States for permitting his family to emigrate, live freely and for the educational opportunities the United States afforded.

The Sievs came to the United States and settled in New York, where Robert attended New York University. During this time period, he taught himself English, joined the Army, and became a United States citizen. Robert moved to Philadelphia and while at Penn State University, in 1943, he met the love of his life, Beatrice (Bea) Spector. Robert and

Bea got married and in 1946, their daughter Carol was born. In 1955, Robert moved his family to South Pasadena, California, where he and Bea became active in the community.

A chemical engineer by trade, Robert worked for renowned engineering companies CF Braun, Aerojet General, and Bechtel from which he retired. In his volunteer life, Robert was involved in all aspects of the South Pasadena community. Generous with his time and money, he was active in the South Pasadena Educational Foundation—which supports the city's schools, interested in city politics, and he was a staunch “freeway fighter” in the effort to stop the 710 freeway extension through South Pasadena. Robert was a steadfast supporter of Israel and was proud of the accomplishments made by the Jewish people. He was very involved in his temple, Temple Beth Israel in Highland Park, and was a continuous contributor to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Holocaust Museum. In addition, Mr. Siev was also occasionally the featured guest speaker at various organizations, where he would speak about his own experiences during the Holocaust.

Robert passed away on July 6, 2013, and is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Beatrice, daughter Carol, brother-in-law Ellis, son-in-law Stuart, grandchildren Lisa and Daniel, and one great-grand daughter Shana. I ask all members to join me in remembering Robert Siev, a true treasure to the South Pasadena and greater Los Angeles community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL JESSE EDWARDS GREEN

#### HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a dear friend, Colonel Jesse Edwards Green. Col. Green passed away at the age of 90 in Windermere, Florida, on June 30, 2013.

Col. Green was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, on September 30, 1922, to the late Claire and Jesse Green. As the son of a career Army officer, he followed in his father's footsteps and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point. In 1946, he graduated from West Point with his Army Air Corps pilot wings and was assigned to the Air Force's first all jet squadron. In January 1947, Col. Green married the love of his life, former Caroline Bailey, and started a family which grew to four children.

Col. Green's 30-year military career included over 120 combat missions in Korea, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two tours in Vietnam. He also graduated as a test pilot from the Air Force Flight Test School at Edwards Air Force Base in California and was among the first Air Force pilots to fly above 50,000 feet in the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. His bravery, dedication and sacrifice to our nation will not be forgotten.

In 1976, after retiring from the Air Force, Col. Green and his wife moved to Windermere, Florida. During retirement, they both enjoyed water skiing, cooking and gardening together. Today, their papayas are legendary on Second Avenue in downtown

Windermere. Col. Green was also a beloved friend, board member and construction volunteer of the Edgewood Children's Ranch and West Orange Habitat for Humanity. For 37 years, he volunteered alongside many friends and neighbors building homes and varieties of construction projects. The numerous contributions that Col. Green made to his community, along with his legacy of hard work, strength and love he leaves behind to his children and grandchildren will be forever cherished.

He was a loving and dedicated father, son, brother, grandfather, and uncle. On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, my prayers and condolences go out to his loving wife of 67 years Caroline, his daughters Patricia, Molly, and Judy, son Mike, grandchildren Leon, Cannon-Marie, Cody, Kyra, Serafina, Tyler, Evan, Kellen, Caitlin, and Michael, sister-in-law Anne Bailey, and many beloved nieces and nephews. May God bless them through this time of remembrance.

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN SOMALIA

#### HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere condolences to the people and Government of Turkey.

On July 27, 2013, their embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia was attacked by three suicide bombers. Two security guards and a Somali student lost their lives in the explosions, while several members of the embassy staff were also injured. An al-Qaida-linked, Somali militant group named al-Shabab has claimed responsibility for the attack. This serves as a stark reminder that al-Qaida remains strong throughout the Middle East and Africa and needs to be confronted at every turn.

Turkey has been a force for good in Somalia and is actively involved with Somalia's reconstruction. Turkish aid workers have been assisting Somali authorities to rebuild their war torn country by undertaking development projects, including street renovations and the construction of schools. Furthermore, Turkey continues to strengthen commercial ties with Somalia to help boost its economy.

Mr. Speaker, I share the Obama administration's condemnation of this attack and express my condolences in the strongest terms possible.

#### HONORING DANIEL WEICKENAND

#### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 31, 2013*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Daniel Weickenand on his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU).

Mr. Weickenand is the President and CEO of Orion Federal Credit Union in Memphis, Tennessee. He earned his BA in accounting